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WASHINGTON, January 31, 1983 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended January 22 totaled an estimated 14.9 billion ton-miles, 4.0 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 3 weeks of 1983 was an estimated 44.2 billion ton-miles, 0.4 percent below the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended January 22 totaled 335,095 cars, 8.6 percent below 1982, and 3.4 percent lower than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 9.9 percent in the East, 14.2 percent in the South and 4.3 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1982, 15 of the 21 commodity groups were down. However, loadings of grain and lumber and wood products registerd significant gains. Ten of the 21 groups were up from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended January 15 totaled 39,735 cars, up 33.2 percent from the corresponding week of 1982 and 66,464 trailers and/or containers, 23.7 percent higher than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first two weeks of the year was 72,210 cars, 18.8 percent higher than last year, and 124,677 trailers and/or containers, up 13.7 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 1/22/83:

	Loadings in Week ended January 22, 1983		Change from Corresponding Week 1982			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	27,307	I	1,442	5.6	D	948	3.4
Other farm products	4,833	I	274	6.0	I	447	10.2
Metallic ores	10,594	D	8,239	43.7	D	473	4.3
Coal	96,317	D	7,880	7.6	D	6,047	5.9
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	6,613	D	1,179	15.1	D	758	10.3
Nonmetallic minerals	10,208	I	1	0.0	I	558	5.7
Grain mill products	12,327	D	1,629	11.7	D	102	0.2
Food and kindred products	12,496	D	2,587	17.2	I	334	2.7
Primary forest products	13,469	D	3,892	22.4	D	1,691	11.2
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,004	I	1,413	25.3	I	430	6.5
Pulp, paper and allied products	15,066	D	2,043	11.9	I	173	1.2
Chemicals and allied products	22,144	D	335	1.5	D	1,155	5.0
Petroleum products	4,932	D	786	13.7	I	118	2.5
Stone, clay and glass products	8,495	D	1,244	12.8	D	266	3.0
Coke	4,284	D	86	2.0	I	400	10.3
Metals and products	6,758	D	4,703	41.0	D	158	2.3
Motor vehicles and equipment	13,978	I	1,458	11.6	I	720	5.4
Waste and scrap materials	7,122	D	2,445	25.6	I	30	0.4
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	7,196	D	1,516	17.4	I	47	0.7
All other carloads	42,970	I	3,198	8.0	D	3,262	7.1
LCL traffic	982	D	596	37.8	D	50	4.8
Total Cars Loaded	335,095	D	31,374	8.6	D	11,653	3.4
Corresponding week of 1982	366,469						

	1983	1982	% Change
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
2 Weeks ended January 15	29.3	28.9	I 1.6
Week ended January 22	14.9	15.5	D 4.0
3 weeks cumulative	44.2	44.3	D 0.4

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